

**1. Can Dunstable provide a time extension for Submission of RFP Responses to August 2<sup>nd</sup>?**

The RFP is extended to Friday August 9, 2019 at 12:00 PM.

**2. What is the use (or former use) of the 91 River Street site? Was this a landfill site? Any information you can provide on the property, drawings, layers (if it was a landfill), etc. would be appreciated.**

**What was the site used for previously?**

The site was previously used to raise and race Harness Race Horses. Although a solar field if a use allowed by special permit in this district the Town is considering this parcel for inclusion in an as of right overlay district that would allow for a solar field and potentially affect financial incentives through DOER.

**3. Does the use (or former use) of the property necessitate any restrictions on the installation methods? For example, does this installation need to be fully ballasted or can racking beams be driven into the ground?**

The Town is not aware of the existing or former use creating any restriction on the installation method.

**4. Can you tell us where the nearest 3-phase power or point of interconnection is to the site?**

The intersection of East Road and Route 113 in Pepperell. This information was provided by National Grid at the most basic level, there may be closer locations that involve more technical analysis.

**5. What areas on the property parcel are open for placement of solar? Is this just in the open area encircled by the road?**

The Town is open to the entire property being used less any offset from the Nashua River and keeping some of the existing vegetative buffer along the front and side setbacks as a visual barrier. The Town is not attached to the structures that remain on site. These can be demolished or worked around.

**6. On the Price Proposal Form provided with the RFP, can we provide the lease payments on a \$ / MW DC basis, similar to the proposed Property Tax payment? This is generally the easiest way to calculate lease payments, on the basis of the size of the system. Plus, any reflection of acreage is an estimate at this point, which makes it more difficult to accurately quantify the lease payment on a per acre basis.**

Yes.

**7. In Section 3.6 of the RFP (Contract Requirements), sub-letter (g) references some kind of guarantee of energy savings, but the RFP is for lease payments/property tax revenue, so we weren't sure what this is referencing?**

Please disregard this reference.

**8. Would the Town be willing to waive any municipal permit fees?**

We would be willing to waive the building permit fee.

- 9. Are there any assumptions you would like all bidders to use when calculating their payment offers? The more level-set assumptions that are provided, the more of an apples-to-apples comparison there will be.**
- a. For example, in the MA SMART program, National Grid is currently in the Waitlist category, so all 8 Blocks are currently full. While the program should be expanded, we are curious how you would like this addressed when presenting lease/tax offers.**

The Town recognizes that the block is full with a waiting list. Assume that the project will only go forward with an expanded or renewed MA Smart program. You may stipulate your lease/tax offer based on what you anticipate will be the range of pricing in a new MA SMART.

- 10. Would Dunstable be interested in being the offtaker for the energy?**

The Town could consider being a partial offtaker but cannot accept 100% of the offtake.

- 11. Can the town provide details about the energy procurement agreements they have in place with other towns? We believe they could be good offtakers for the energy this project would create which would be the most beneficial for Dunstable.**

Agreement has been sent separately and seems to be irrelevant to this process.

- 12. Is tree removal allowed? Are there certain areas where the town does not want trees removed?**

The interior of the site may be cleared. You may also clear some of the perimeter provided some visual buffer of the tree line is kept. You will need to just demonstrate to the Planning Board during the approval process that the amount you are keeping is sufficient.

- 13. Is the site fenced? If so, does the town want us to include fence around array?**

The site is not fenced. The Town does not require fencing. Other solar projects have been proposed in Town with fencing and have been approved that way provided the fencing allows for small wild life to pass through underneath it.

- 14. Can the town provide any details about flooding at the site due to proximity to Nashua River?**

The site does not flood generally. The Unkety Brook near the southern border of the property does occasionally flood.

- 15. Is the property used for anything today and who maintains the property?**

The Town maintains the property and occasionally stores materials there when needed.

- 16. Are there any areas we need to stay away from or keep clear when developing design?**

As previously noted, please retain **some** of the existing tree line around the perimeter of the property as a visual buffer.

17. How does the Town want us to show pricing since National Grid is in Block 8 and SMART 2.0 is not officially drafted?

Premise your lease/tax offer based on an anticipated range of economics of an expanded Smart or SMART 2.

**18. What should we hold as an interconnection cost**

The Town does not have enough knowledge to make this determination; please carry a realistic assumption based on your knowledge of the logistics it will take to interconnect.

**19. Can we use a driven beam system?**

The Town is not aware of conditions that would prevent this.

**20. Is there any considerations that need to be made due to the proximity to Airport? We understand there will likely be a glare study but is the Town aware of any other local requirements?**

The Town is not aware of any other local requirements. We would recommend you consult with the airport directly to see if they have other concerns they will want to see addressed. The Town is aware that the airport is used as a base for sky diving and occasionally sky divers have landed on our property due to its open nature in the past.